

## CALIFORNIA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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Charging that the Berkeley Chiropractic College and the Berkeley Chiropractic High School are diploma mills, the state of California, on advice of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, yesterday appeared in the court of Judge Trabucco in Oakland asking that the franchise of the institutions be revoked. It is stated in the complaint that the schools are conducted solely for pecuniary purposes and award diplomas without proper examination and without proper courses of study.—*San Francisco Chronicle*, March 23, 1928.

According to reports, Cecelia Bartholomew of San Francisco, recently charged with violation of the Medical Practice Act, had in her possession a diploma issued by the American School of Naturopathy (San Francisco branch); a diploma from the Christian Philosophical Institute, signed by Bishop Leroy Cosper, who some time since served a jail sentence; and a diploma issued by the Spectro-Chrome Institute of America signed Dinshah P. Ghadiali, M. D., whose history was printed in the *A. M. A. Journal* of January 26, 1924, page 321.

The results of the February 1928 examination given by the Board of Medical Examiners show fifty-seven applicants were granted 'physicians' and surgeons' certificates.

According to recent reports, J. C. Chartier, who conducts a pharmacy in Oakland, pleaded guilty on March 15, 1928, to a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act and paid a fine of \$100. The report relates that Chartier made house calls, treated patients in his drug store, and made use of narcotic registration permit No. 4763, formerly held by Dr. Edward Blair, San Francisco, who is now reported to be in Persia.

According to reports, Shun Gee Chew, San Francisco, Chinese herbalist, who is licensed as a chiropractor based on a diploma issued by the Chiropractic University, Kansas City, Missouri, was recently arrested on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act.

According to the *San Francisco Examiner* of April 17, 1928, Governor C. C. Young has appointed on the Chiropractic Board "Dr. Harry P. Fish, Santa Rosa, and Dr. Claude L. Fishback, Fresno, to succeed Dr. Vernon Malcolm, San Francisco, and Dr. Homer B. Skinner, Oroville, terms expired."

Another alleged fraudulent diploma bearing the name of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of San Francisco is reported to have been presented to the Board of Naturopathic Examiners of Oregon by an individual named G. T. O'Sullivan.

A petition for a writ of review in the guardianship proceedings of Mrs. Ernestine Englehart of Oakland was filed here in the State Supreme Court yesterday by Attorney Carl W. Mueller. (*San Francisco Examiner*, March 22, 1928.) ("News Items," December, 1927.)

According to reports, Rose A. G. Fraser, Sacramento, was recently arrested on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act. She related that she was graduated from the Buffalo Medical College in 1889, which statement cannot be verified through the records of said institution.

James A. Hadley, whose license to practice medicine was revoked by the State Board of Medical Examiners March 1, today filed a petition for writ of review of the testimony on which he was held guilty of violating the Medical Practice Act.—*San Francisco Call*, March 23, 1928.

According to reports, William Hicks, licensed chiropractor of Los Angeles, on April 5, 1928, pleaded guilty to a violation of the Medical Practice Act and paid a fine of \$100, the report relating: "It appears that Hicks not only violated the chiropractic act by practicing beyond the limits of his certificate, but that he also violated the Medical and Optometry acts."

It is reported that on April 6, S. B. Hilf, Los Angeles, was found guilty of violation of the Medical Practice Act and was sentenced to serve ninety days in the city jail, sentence being suspended for two years.

The Board of Medical Examiners by resolution recently forwarded a protest to James Doran, Prohibition Commissioner, Washington, D. C., based on the refusal of the Internal Revenue Department to furnish information to the Board of Medical Examiners relative to federal narcotic violations that have been settled in compromise by payment of a specified amount of cash, thereby quashing possible legal proceedings.

R. L. Palmer, licensed chiropractor, El Centro, California, on March 23 is alleged to have pleaded guilty to violation of the Medical Practice Act and to have been fined \$200, fine being suspended for two years on condition of no further violation of the state Medical Practice Act.

According to a press dispatch dated Fresno, April 14, published in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of April 15: "Motion of the state medical board to have dismissed the application of Dr. Carl H. McPheeters for a writ reviewing its action in revoking his license on the ground that he betrayed professional secrets was taken under advisement yesterday by Superior Judge Charles Bernard. The court continued the return of the petition to May 4. McPheeters also is facing a charge of sending obscene matter through the mail."

Dr. George H. Norris, wanted for the attempted murder of a wealthy widow in San Francisco five years ago, has been captured in Detroit.—*San Francisco Examiner*, March 29, 1928.

Exonerated of all blame for the death of Miss Elizabeth Brown, February 22, Municipal Judge William S. Baird yesterday dismissed the murder complaint against Dr. Eliphalet Patee after taking the matter under advisement for five days.—*Los Angeles Illustrated Daily News*, March 20, 1928.

According to the *Ventura Free Press* of March 16, 1928, Dr. Allen Peek, who on an affidavit filed by Earl Bell, police lieutenant, was held for hearing, was adjudged sane after a hearing held by five local physicians, it being related that "Doctor Peek was arrested by Earl Bell Monday night after it was reported he had been seen prowling about his office with a revolver in his hand."

According to reports, a lecturer named Clanton Thomas, 964 Market Street, San Francisco, was recently arrested on a charge of violation of the Medical Practice Act, he being reported, among other things, as distributing a pamphlet under the name of the "Better Race Society," 426 San Fernando Building, Los Angeles; and also published by the "Better Health Society."